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John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act Support Resolution

Whereas, Republican legislators and legislatures enacted and are enacting pieces of legislation that make it harder for Americans to vote;

Whereas, New Republican-passed laws allow legislatures to challenge fair and legal election results, potentially allowing them to choose winners, subverting the will of the voters;

Whereas, Texas Republicans passed Senate Bill 1, which bans drive-through voting, and twenty-four voting options, adds unnecessary steps to vote-by-mail, and allows intimidating poll-watchers to pressure voters;

Whereas, Texas Republicans redrew boundaries for Congress, The Texas Legislature, and the State Board of Education;

Whereas, The Department of Justice found the new map systematically discriminates against African American and Hispanic voters by gerrymandering. They drew minorities into Anglo majority districts, thus limiting their voting power, violating the principle of "One Person, One Vote";

Whereas, Democrats and Republicans in Congress traditionally support re-authorizations of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, with support from Republican presidents Ford, Reagan, G.H.W. Bush, and G.W. Bush;

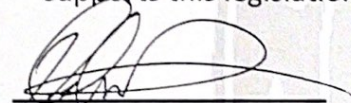
Whereas, Today, congressional Republicans are hostile to the Voting Rights Act, supporting enacting the new Jim Crow;

Whereas, The House of Representatives passed the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act to safeguard against segregationist-style vote suppressing legislation, end partisan gerrymandering, and limit money's corrupting influence in our politics;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Supports Congress passing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021, through necessary legislative means, to support voting rights in America and prevent retrogression into Jim Crow.

Be it further resolved, The Director of External Affairs communicates to the University of Houston student body and community that the Student Government Association supports this legislation and the right to vote.



Rohit Shajan

Speaker of the Senate

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